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SUBJ: SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA (NRC) AND CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (CACP) WISH TO EXTEND INVITATION TO APPROPRIATE LEAA AND NBS OFFICIALS TO ATTEND TWO MEETINGS IN OTTAWA, FEBRUARY 4 AND 5. BACKGROUND IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. FIRST MEETING IS REGULAR WINTER MEETING OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COMMITTEE OF CACP. THIS IS SAME GROUP WITH WHICH MESSRS. SHUBIN AND DIAMOND MET LAST YEAR AND CACP WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF DR. DIAMOND AND MR. SHUBIN COULD ATTEND AGAIN THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMATIC LIAISON CONTINUITY. CACP, IN COOPERATION WITH NRC, RCMP AND OTHER ELEMENTS IN SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS DURING PAST 12 MONTHS IN ORGANIZING AND ESTABLISHING LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AREA COMPARABLE TO THAT ADMINISTERED BY LEAA. CACP HAS ESTABLISHED 11 PROGRAM AREAS AND HOPES TO INITIATE CONCRETE PROGRAMMATIC WORK IN THESE AREAS DURING 1975. MUCH OF THE TECHNICAL WORK WILL BE DONE THROUGH NRC IN SOMEWHAT THE SAME MANNER AS THE LEAA UTILIZES NBS. CACP WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW ITS PROGRESS AS WELL AS AMERICAN PROGRESS AT FEBRUARY MEETING AND CONSIDER PLANS FOR CLOSER, MORE ACTIVE CONTACT WITH LEAA-NBS

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PROGRAM.

B. A SECOND MEETING WOULD BE WITH NRC OFFICIALS (THURSTON, HALL, ET AL). PURPOSE WOULD BE TO REVIEW FIRST DRAFT OF CANADIAN THINKING IN RESPONSE TO ROBERTS-SCHNEIDER EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONCERNING FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO NRC-NBS EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN OTTAWA ON OCT 21-22, 1974. IF THIS DRAFT APPEARS REASONABLE, THURSTON AND POSSIBLY HALL WILL PLAN TRIP TO WASHINGTON DURING MIDDLE TO LATE FEBRUARY FOR PURPOSE OF FINALIZING WITH WILLENBROCK, NBS, COORDINATED RESPONSE TO SCHNEIDER AND ROBERTS.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN MOST PLEASED WITH PROGRESS MADE IN THIS AREA OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WITH CANADA DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS, AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE LEAA/RCMP CONTACTS WHICH HAVE PRODUCED VALUABLE, TANGIBLE COOPERATION. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ABOVE INVITATIONS BE ACCEPTED. EARLY REPLY IS NEEDED BY CACP AND NRC FOR PROGRAM PLANNING. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.  
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